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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance, cause provocation and drop heat flares continued over the period 21 to 30 November 1994.

21 November 1994

Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Artawi, Samawah, Salman, Amarah and Shatrah.

At 0935 and 1140 hours on 21 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1120 and 1400 hours.

22 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Amarah, Qurnah, Artawi, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Salman and Khidr.

At 0925 and 1257 hours on 22 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1104 and 1400 hours.

23 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 hours and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Jalibah, Qurnah and Busayyah.

24 November 1994

Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Busayyah, Qal'at Salih and Artawi.

At 1008 and 1150 hours on 24 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1100 and 1335 hours.

25 November 1994

Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Busayyah, Basra, Amarah and Artawi.

At 0940 hours on 25 November 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over Chabaish, Rifa'i, Artawi, the area south of Diwaniyah, Abu Sukhayr and Safwan and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1048 hours.

26 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 74 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Basra and Qal'at Salih.

At 0941 and 1108 hours on 26 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Shatrah and Busayyah and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1047 and 1402 hours.

At 2055 hours on 26 November 1994, a hostile formation dropped two heat flares over Basra.

27 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Zakho, Dohuk, Aqrah, Ayn Zalah, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 105 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Artawi, Basra, Amarah, Busayyah, Nasiriyah, the area south of Diwaniyah, the area south of Najaf, Salman and Jalibah.

At 1715 hours on 27 November 1994, a hostile formation dropped 8 heat flares south of the town of Qurnah in Basra Governorate.

28 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 123 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Shinafiyah, Shatrah and Salman.

At 0900 and 1325 hours on 28 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over in areas in the south of the country. One left in the direction of Saudi Arabia at 1015 hours, and the other left in the direction of Kuwait at 1352 hours.

29 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 53 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi, Ushbayjah, the area south of Diwaniyah and Lasaq.

At 1200 and 1240 hours on 29 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1107 and 1435 hours.

30 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Busayyah, Jalibah, Nasiriyah, Salman, Safwan, Khidr, Samawah and Artawi.

Between 0950 and 1450 hours, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0950 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1200 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1140 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1420 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1300 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1450 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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